Indian ships attacked in Iran Iraq War

2729. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether since the beginning of the Iran-Iraq war several Indian ships have become its victim in the Gulf areas;

(b) if so, what is the number of ships destroyed or damaged and the estimated loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have lodged a protest to the countries concerned in this regard, and if so, the reaction of those countries thereto; and

(d) what measures have been taken to protect Indian ships in the Gulf areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Since commencement of the Iran-Iraq war, the number of Indian ships lost is 7 and damaged 5. The estimated loss of property is about Rs. 9 crores.

(c) No formal protest has been lodged by Government of India so far as the identity of the attackers has not been formally established. The Iranian authorties with whom the matter was taken up, have denied any responsibility in the matter.

(d) while no arrangements exist to enlist protection for shipping in the Gulf, navigational warning is under promulgation since 1984 to ship owners, keep themselves aloof from the war zone. Government is supporting all efforts to bring about an end to the Iran-Iraq war, to reduce tension in the region and to ensure freedom of navigation in the international waters of the Gulf.

Menace of bird hits

2730. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of bird hitting in respect of Air India and Vayudoot during the last three years, organisation-wise;

(b) the total amount of loss suffered due to bird hits, year-wise and organisation-wise alongwith the number of casualties, if any;

(c) whether it is a fact that a report has been submitted to Government on the subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The bird hit incidents to Air India and Vayudoot aircraft during the last 3 years are as under:

Year	1985	1986	1987 (upto June)
Air India	19	19	9
Vayudoot	1	5	1

(b) Year	1985	1986	1987 (upto June)
			(Rs. in lakhs)
Air India	46 42	29·87	0·24
Vayudoot	5 50	38·44	18·73

There was no casuality due to bird hits to their aircraft during the last 3 years.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The reports on bird hits incidents are sent to the Ministry by the Director General of Civil Aviation from time to time. These reports are reviewed by the Task Forces constituted to formulate and enforce various measures for the elimination of bird hit incidents and by High Level Bird Strike Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Purchase of Letho Tripter machine in the AIIMS

2731. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount that Government sanctioned to AIIMS for the purchase of Letho Tripter machine and when was the sanction given;

(b) whether the AIIMS has placed the order for the mechine; if so, when and to whom;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) when this facility will be available in AIIMS to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) An amount of Rs. 200.00 lakhs was earmarked for the purchase of Letho Tripter machine in December, 1986.

(b) and (c) The Institute has informed that no order has yet been placed because codal procedures demand a global tender to be issued. A global tender has, however, been issued and the tenders are to be opened on 7th December, 1987 and no delay has taken place.

(d) This facility is likely to be available in AIIMS by the end of 1988.

Inquiry into the incident of physical assault on the General Secretary

2732. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3792 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have arrived at any conclusion in the incident of physical assault on the General Secretary, All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association;

(b) whether any action has been taken or is being contemplated against the accused; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The matter has since been investigated by the Police authorities who have informed that allegations made in the complaint could not be established.

Licensed railway porters

2733. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of licensed railway porters in the country;